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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY QUAI VIEWS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM
FOR AFGHANISTAN

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1. ALTHOUGH GENEVA MEETING ON A NARCOTICS CONTROL
PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN POSTPONED. EMBOFFS CALLED
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ON CHRISTIAN GIRARD OF THE QUAI'S ADMINISTRATIVE

CONVENTIONS BUREAU, THE PERSON MOST DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS. (GIRARD HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ON LEAVE.) THERE WAS DISCUSSION IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE MEETING, THE "SHOPPINGLIST" AND THOSE ELEMENTS US PREPARED TO SUPPORT (REF B), THE POST-COUP SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECT ON A NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND THE GENEVA MEETING, AND THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

2. GIRARD SAID THAT GOF WOULD ATTEND THE GENEVA MEETING AND AGREED THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT GOF WOULD MAKE ANY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFGHANISTAN PROGRAM. THE REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SUCH AS UNFDAC) WERE NOW CONSIDERABLE, AND IN ADDITION, THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AID PROJECT EVERY YEAR SUCH AS BANGLADESH, SAHEL AND THIS YEAR INDOCHINA FOR WHICH FRANCE WOULD BE PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL AID. FRANCE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO SPREAD EVERYWHERE AND WAS TRYING IN THIS FIELD TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ESSENTIALS: THE PROBLEM WITHIN FRANCE AND AMONG THE EC 9. HENCE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BETTER POLICE LIAISON (AS FRANCE HAD ESTABLISHED WITH TURKEY), GIRARD THOUGHT FRANCE WOULD MAKE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.

3. GIRARD SAID THAT FRANCE WAS RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRED THE ALTERATION OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE AS WOULD BE THE CASE WITH AFGHANISTAN. PERHAPS THE US, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UN, HAD THE MEANS AND COULD APPLY THE PRESSURE TO AMELIORATE THE AFGHANISTAN DRUG TRAFFIC PROBLEM, BUT GIRARD SAID GOF WAS SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS.

4. COMMENT: GIRARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN RATHER NEGATIVE, AND FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE MORE HELPFUL. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT GIRARD IS PROBABLY CORRECT IN CONCLUDING THAT GOF WILL NOT MAKE A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR AN AFGHANISTAN PROGRAM; OTHERS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE QUAI HAVE GAINED THE SAME IMPRESSION FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIALS HANDLING FOREIGN AID.
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